

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 3 and 5 to 12 are in the application.

Claim 10 has been written in independent form.

Applicants have noted that the Examiner has indicated that claims 3, 10 and 11 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

However, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims as they are now set forth in the application are patentable over the art of record.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 2, 5 to 9 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Neubrand et al, are respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully submit that from the overall disclosure of the reference to Neubrand, also especially from the drawing, it is clear that in the reference a guide rod must be present in front of the main posts in addition to the C-column.

The reference nowhere mentions that this guide rod is to be omitted.

Consequently, the present invention proposes a particular solution which for the first time provides specific features as compared to a general solution, namely, the possibility of omitting significant structural components.

In addition, it is to be noted, as mentioned in the previous Amendment, that in the reference to Neubrand a force transmission through the middle section is not possible because in this reference the middle section is held by intermediate guide rods.

Consequently, it is submitted that the claims as amended are clearly not disclosed or suggested by the prio art of record.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

Any additional fees or charges required at this time in connection with this application may be charged to Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 11-1835.

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